

BAKER'S FAILURE TO TELL PROVES DISAPPOINTING

Congress Wanted Outline of Comprehensive War Program From the Secretary.

(International News Service.)

Washington, April 25.—Widespread disappointment prevailed in congress today over the failure of Secretary of War Baker to present a comprehensive program for increasing America's manpower and to strengthen the nation's fighting arm.

For many weeks congress, or at least a large part of it, had been proceeding under the anticipation that when Secretary Baker returned from his European trip he would have many recommendations of far-reaching importance to make. Some legislation was actually held in abeyance pending the return of the secretary.

President Wilson's "force" speech at Baltimore added to the expectancy in congress that the administration would shortly announce a new army policy. Members of both houses spoke again and again for doubling the strength of the army, while others postponed increasing the draft age limit to 40. Reports reached the capitol that the administration had under consideration the registration of all male residents between the ages of 18 and 50.

Congress on Tiptoe.
It would be no exaggeration to say that congress was on its tiptoes in anticipation of the announcement of important new executive plans upon Mr. Baker's return. The secretary has appeared in the last two days before both the senate and the house military affairs committees. If he had any new plans in mind, he carefully concealed them from members of the committees.

Both of Mr. Baker's trips to the capitol during the past two days were devoted entirely to narrating his observations abroad. Where members of the committees expressed remedies for unsatisfactory conditions they had been exposing to the country, they received descriptions of what Mr. Baker called "the most inspiring thing in the world," the situation on the western front.

Morale Conditions.
Mr. Baker greatly encouraged the committee as to the morale conditions of the allied armies. He left no doubt in their minds that the French and British and Americans would be able to withstand the most terrific drives the Germans might be able to launch against the western battle front. When he was pressed for an answer as to what the American army needed most abroad, he told the committee it had practically everything necessary.

Congress May Act.
Prediction was made today that congress would again try to take matters in its own hand and attempt to force the administration into accord with its belief that the nation's fighting strength should be tremendously increased.

Two More Earthquake Shocks Alarm; No Damage

(Associated Press.)

San Jacinto, Cal., April 25.—Two more earthquake shocks occurred during last night, one at 8 o'clock and another at midnight. No damage was done, but the severity of the earlier tremor caused many people to run out of buildings and houses.

Berlin Puts Effect of British Raid at Nought

(Associated Press.)

Berlin (Via London), April 25.—The German naval operations off the Flanders coast, says an official statement given out today by the German admiralty, have in no way been impeded by the British attack on Zeebrugge and Ostend.

General Strike Called by Seattle Labor Council

Seattle, Wash., April 25.—The State Central Labor council voted early today to call a general strike here for twenty-four hours May 1, according to official announcement, as a demonstration for Thomas J. Mooney, sentenced to hang in California, following his conviction on the charge of murdering one of the victims of the San Francisco preparedness parade bomb explosion.

CAMP SHERIDAN MAN ORDERED TO CALIFORNIA

(International News Service.)
Montgomery, Ala., April 25.—Major Gen. Charles G. Treat, commander of the Thirty-seventh division, since shortly after its arrival in Camp Sheridan last August, has been ordered to San Francisco and will leave Camp Sheridan as soon as he can arrange his personal affairs.
The telegram ordering Gen. Treat away from Sheridan carried no explanation of the move, and Wednesday he was unable to state just what he would do at the Pacific coast city. His successor has not been named, and, pending the appointment, Brig. Gen. Joseph Gaston, commander of the Seventy-fourth infantry brigade, automatically becomes divisional commander.

USED FIFTY YEARS
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GERMANS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN CRIMEA

Washington, April 25.—Germany is continuing her operations in the Crimea and the Russians now are apprehensive that it is the German intention to violate treaty agreements and to capture or destroy the Russian Black sea fleet. The state department today received word that the Moscow authorities have telegraphed directly to the German foreign minister at Berlin a protest against the German military operations. The protest points out that the German Ukraine forces have advanced beyond Persep and now are moving toward Simferopol in the Crimea, and then adds:

"Even according to the ex parte statements of the Ukrainian leaders this territory does not form part of the Ukraine republic and the German action violates the Brest-Litovsk treaty, as it is in the territory of the people's soviet. It is, in fact, a threat towards our Black sea fleet."

3,900 CONVICTIONS BY DEPARTMENT JUSTICE

(Associated Press.)

Washington, April 25.—Refuting recent charges that the department of justice had not been active in combating enemy propaganda within the United States, the department today reported that at least 3,900 convictions had been obtained during the last year under "wholly inadequate federal laws against sabotage, disloyal utterances and other forms of interference with the war." These figures were gathered from partial reports of United States attorneys and actually represent only a small part of the department's work of policing the country, it was said.

On charges of "interfering with the operation of the mails," 3,465 persons have been convicted or have pleaded guilty and 181 have been acquitted. Under the espionage act, which has been stretched to cover many varying cases of disloyalty, there have been 226 convictions and sixteen acquittals. Under general war statutes 228 have been convicted and eighty-nine acquitted. Twenty-three persons have been found guilty of making threats against the president and ten acquitted on this charge.

Pro-Ally Newspaper of Mexico Coming to U. S.

(Associated Press.)

Mexico City, April 25.—Felix Palavicini, founder of Universal, the leading pro-ally newspaper of Mexico City, announced in Thursday's issue that he had sold his controlling interest and would leave immediately for New York to undertake the publication of an illustrated periodical for circulation in Spanish-speaking countries. In his farewell editorial Palavicini reiterated his pro-ally sentiments and his allegiance to President Carranza. Mr. Palavicini was formerly minister of education.

PLANS FOR RESTRICTION IN USE OF FUEL OIL

San Francisco, Cal., April 25.—If Uncle Sam's war program is to be carried out successfully, the immediate saving of 50,000 barrels of fuel oil per day is necessary and it has been learned by the International News Service from unimpeachable sources that in order to bring this economy about the Pacific coast petroleum war service commission had recommended to the national commission at Washington that by means of the priority schedule of the fuel administration "classes 7 to 12 inclusive" be cut off from present supply.

At the present rate of production there will be available, according to paper estimates, 27,000,000 barrels of fuel oil during the next year. With consumption at the present monthly average 96,000,000 barrels of this will be used, leaving a margin of only 12 million barrels. Conditions of transportation and production are such, however, that the production may be less than these figures and the consumption considerably more.

British Have Made Good Gun Losses in Drive

(Associated Press.)

London, April 25.—The British have lost nearly 1,000 guns, between 4,000 and 5,000 machine guns and the total manufacture of ammunition of between one and three weeks since the present battle in France began, Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, told the house of commons today. All these losses have been made good.

Official Berlin Reports Capture of Hill by Storm

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Wednesday, April 24.—(Via London).—"On the battlefield of the Yser and the Somme the fighting activity was limited to local actions," says the official communication from general headquarters today.

"To the northeast of Bailleul we captured Vlesgeleek hill by storm and took a number of French prisoners. West of Bailleul we repulsed British attacks. "Strong enemy advances northwest of Bethune were frustrated in our advanced past line. Borefield engagements at many points on the remainder of the front resulted in the bringing in of prisoners." Troops commanded by Gen. Von der Gotta have taken the railway junction at Khyvynge and Riklymaki, Finland, and established communications with the Finnish army north of Lakhti. In the Crimea, troops under the command of Gen. Kosch have reached Simferopol.

The reported presence of German troops at Simferopol marks the cutting of the railroad connecting the fortress of Sebastopol with the mainland of Russia. Simferopol is thirty-five miles northeast of Sebastopol.

SAND AND GRAVEL QUESTION VERY SERIOUS

The Hague, April 25.—Speaking today to the first chamber of the Netherlands parliament on the sand and gravel question with Germany, the Dutch foreign minister declared he could not and must not conceal from the chamber the fact that the question was a very serious one. He said he could not say more about it.

TOLD VON PAPEN TO WRECK TRAINS

Significant Letters From Berlin to Attache at Washington Are Published.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, April 25.—Repeated declarations of German amorality and Hindenburg and Ludendorff that the war was forced upon Germany and assertions from the same sources that Germany was taken by surprise by the Russian mobilization, attaches particular interest to certain papers taken from Capt. Von Papen, late German military attache at Washington.

Among the papers, which have been published by the British government in a white book, appears a letter from R. Von Wld. of the German war ministry in Berlin, to Capt. Von Papen seeking information regarding the best means of blowing up railroad trains in the event of a European war. The significant point is that this letter was written March 12, 1914, about five months before the outbreak of war. This letter says:

"According to newspaper reports several railway trains have been blown up by revolutionaries during trouble in Mexico. In order to form an opinion whether, in the event of a European war, explosions of this kind would have to be reckoned with, it is requested, that if possible, information should be obtained as to how these attacks have been carried out."

Capt. Von Papen, replying from Mexico, where it is now known that he was industriously planting the seeds of German propaganda and establishing connections for Germany to use in the event that she should war upon the United States, did not regard the operations of the Mexican revolutionaries as of any particular value.

Letter to Von Papen.
Another letter to Von Papen from the manager of the Potsdam branch of the Disconto-Gesellschaft, has this postscript:

"P. S.—We have never before seen such preparations for war as are being made at present. German government stocks fell today 1 per cent. Kind regards."

This letter was regarded as of particular interest by the British compilers of the correspondence, in view of its date—July 25, 1914—while negotiations were still in progress to avoid war.

Evidently, Dr. Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States, recalled at the request of this government, did not appreciate until the last moment the danger in which he was placed by his own machinations, for optimism characterized his last letter to Von Papen, dated at Lenox, Mass., Sept. 1, 1915.

"Things are going splendidly in Russia," wrote Dumba, "only the Dardanelles hold out. Everything has ended happily in Washington and the people already think they hear the bells of peace ringing. We have not got that length yet, but it just shows what a good effect is produced by good words and a light hand."

ARCTIC EXPLORER DANGEROUSLY ILL

(Associated Press.)

Fort Yukon, Alaska, April 25.—Bringing an appeal for a doctor, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, who lies dangerously ill on Herschel island, a messenger reached here yesterday after a record-breaking trip from the north. In a message carried by the courier Stefansson told of being ill fifty days after being stricken with typhoid and pneumonia followed by complications.

A northwest mounted policeman and two Eskimos have died of typhoid, while several others are ill, the messenger said. A doctor is on his way to Herschel island from here, starting several days ago upon learning of Stefansson's illness.

Two Hamilton County Boys Paroled by Gov. Rye

(Special to The News.)

Nashville, April 25.—Gov. Rye today pardoned Ewell Phillips, convicted in Scott county of murder in the second degree and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary, and Otis Tansil, colored, convicted in Obion of petit larceny and sentenced to sixty days in jail.

The governor also paroled John Linton and Sam Brice, of Hamilton county, and L. O. Scott, of Harlan.

Ban Placed on All Agriculture Furloughs

Greenville, S. C., April 25.—No furloughs whatsoever for agricultural purposes will be granted any one in the Thirtieth division, due to existing orders which have been made public. Maj. Francis M. Hinkle, division adjutant, has just made the announcement. Hundreds of applications for agricultural furloughs have been received.

RICHMOND COLLEGE TO BE USED AS BASE HOSPITAL

(Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., April 25.—Announcement was made here today that the buildings and grounds of Richmond college at West Hampton have been accepted by the government for use as a base hospital. Preparations are now being made to have the students drill on the old college campus in the city.

INSANE NEGRO PATIENTS DECREASE IN ALABAMA

(International News Service.)

Montgomery, Ala., April 25.—In a report of the Alabama Hospital for the insane a decrease of fifty is given in the negro patients for the year.
Dr. James T. Searcy, superintendent of the hospital, says that never before in the history of the hospital has a decrease in negro patients occurred, and attributes this remarkable showing solely to the prohibition and anti-narcotic laws.

DRANOUTRE-KEMMEL SECTOR BATTLE REGION

(Associated Press.)

With the British Army in France, April 25.—The German attack against the French and British lines on the northern front in the Dranoutre-Kemmel sector is continuing. The Teuton assault was intended to pave the way for the capture of Kemmel hill.

Vigorous British counter-attacks towards Villers-Bretonneux apparently resulted in the reclaiming of a considerable part of the territory lost to the Germans yesterday. The battle is raging, however, and it is too early to make claims.

Tanks went into action on both sides for the first time in history. In the battle about Villers-Bretonneux the German tanks appeared at the beginning of the engagement and by noon the British tanks joined in the fray. The latter did heavy execution when they got among the enemy infantry. A British counter-attack drove the enemy from Ouveve wood toward Villers-Bretonneux, but the Germans rushed a large number of machine guns into the town and their fire was so intense that the first counter-attack was held up.

SPEAKER CLARK MAY ACCEPT SENATORSHIP

(International News Service.)

Washington, April 25.—There is a strong possibility that Speaker Clark will accept the senatorship from Missouri. The speaker's chief obstacle, it was said, was that the republicans would elect one from their own camp to succeed him. This was removed following a conference with Republican Leader Mann, who promised the speaker the republicans would not attempt this. Clark made no statement following the conference, although he is expected to accept late today.

TRIAL OF DENTIST FOR WIFE MURDER DEFERRED

(Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., April 25.—Motion for postponement until May 15 of the trial of Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, 23, charged with the murder on Dec. 15 last, of his bride, Mrs. Alice Knight Johnson, was granted when the case was called for trial today. The motion was passed on the plea that R. D. Johnson, of Middlesex, N. C., father of the defendant, could not testify at this time because of illness.

MEMPHIS LIEUTENANT BACK FROM FRANCE

(Special to The News.)

Camp Gordon, Ga., April 25.—A Tennesseean, Lieut. T. M. Galbreath, of Memphis, was among the five officers who arrived here today from "Somewhere in France" to assist in training selectmen at this camp for early service overseas. The officers now arriving here are among the first to return to this country after having seen active service overseas, and were detailed to duty in the United States because of special fitness and distinguished service overseas. Those who arrived in the party with Lieut. Galbreath are Lieuts. J. G. Altorf, Martin, Tex.; J. C. Wemyer, Tarboro, N. C.; Edgar Collins, Montgomery, Ala.; and C. B. Lear, Westchester, Pa. Lieut. Chester wears a French war cross awarded him for conspicuous gallantry in leading the first raid on enemy trenches conducted by an all-American raiding party.

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DESCRIPTION	Liberty Loan 3 1/2 % Bonds	1st Converted 4 % Bonds	2nd Liberty Loan 4 % Bonds	3rd Liberty Loan 4 1/4 % Bonds
Dated	June 15, 1917	November 15, 1917	November 15, 1917	May 9, 1918
Due	June 15, 1947	June 15, 1947	November 15, 1942	September 15, 1928
Optional	June 15, 1932	June 15, 1932	November 15, 1927	Not Optional
Interest Payment	June and Dec. 15.	June and Dec. 15	May and Nov. 15	March and Sept. 15
Total Issue	\$2,000,000,000.	\$3,808,766,150	\$3,000,000,000 plus oversubscription
Denomination	\$50, \$100, \$500,	\$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000,	\$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000,	\$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000,
Coupon Bonds	\$1,000	\$5,000, \$10,000	\$5,000, \$10,000	\$5,000, \$10,000
Denomination	\$100 and up	\$50.00 and up	\$50.00 and up	\$50.00 and up
Registered Bonds				
Conversion Privilege	Can be converted at 100 into any subsequent series of U. S. Gov. Bonds bearing a higher rate, issued during the war with the Imperial German Gov., such conversion privilege to be exercised within the period of six months from the date of the subsequent issue, into which conversion is desired.	Can be converted at 100 into next issue of U. S. Government bonds bearing a higher rate of interest issued during the war with the Imperial German Gov., at the issue price of bonds of the next series, with adjustment of accrued interest, such conversion privilege to be exercised within the period of six months from the date of the next series, but if not so exercised within that period, then the conversion privilege term expires.	Bonds issued upon such conversion are to be identical with the Bonds of the First and Second Liberty Loans respectively as to date of maturity, and terms of redemption.	Free of all taxes, except Federal surtaxes, excess profit and war profit taxes and estate or inheritance taxes. Bonds to be acceptable at 100 and accrued interest in payment of Federal inheritance taxes if owned continuously for at least 6 months prior to death.
Tax Exemption	Free of all taxes (except estate or inheritance taxes).	Free of all taxes except Federal surtaxes, excess profit and war profit taxes and estate or inheritance taxes. (A) However, the interest on an amount of these bonds the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000 is exempt from surtaxes, excess profits and war profit taxes. (A) Note—This also applies to the Third Liberty Loan 4 1/4 per cent. Bonds.		

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